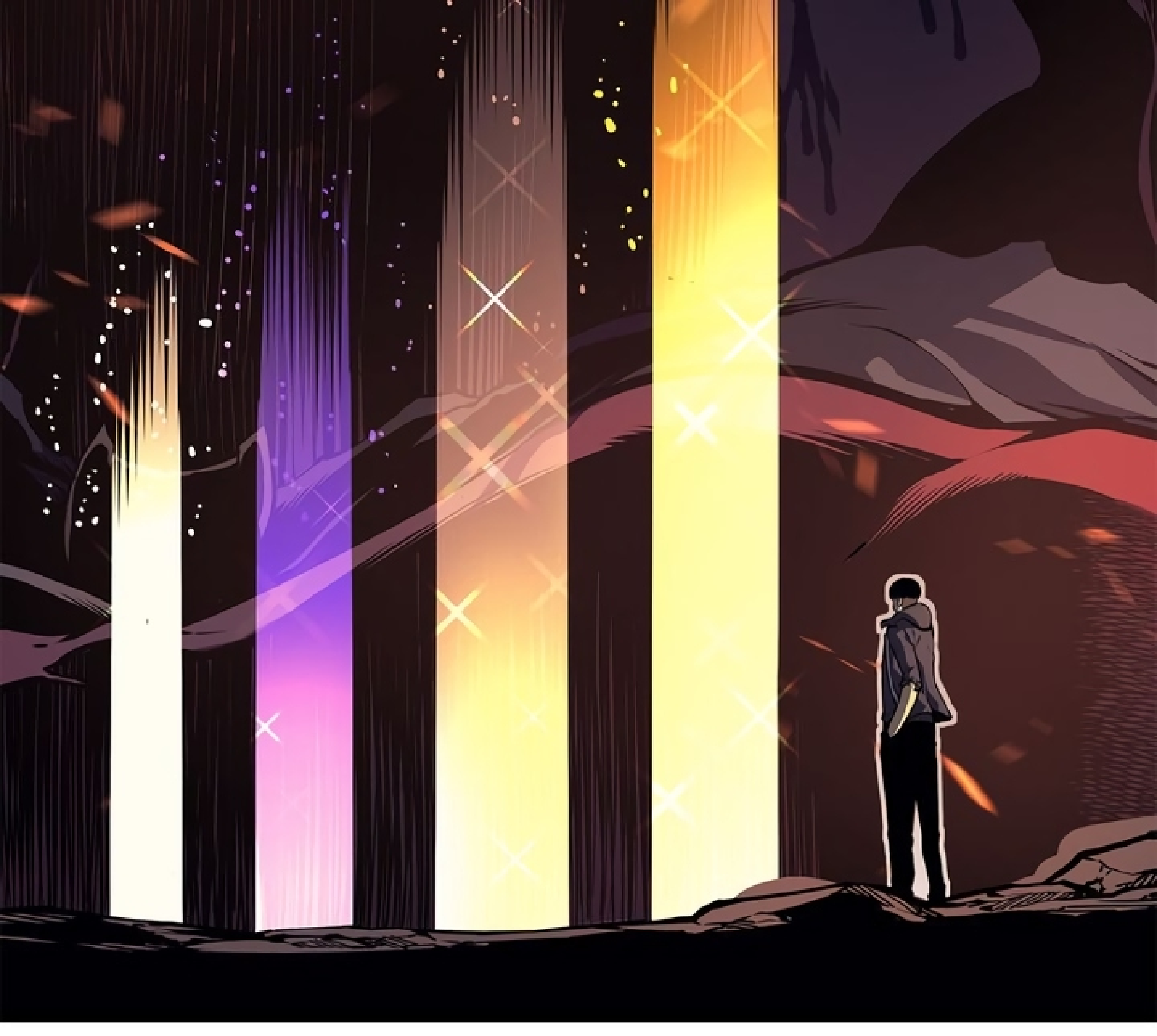
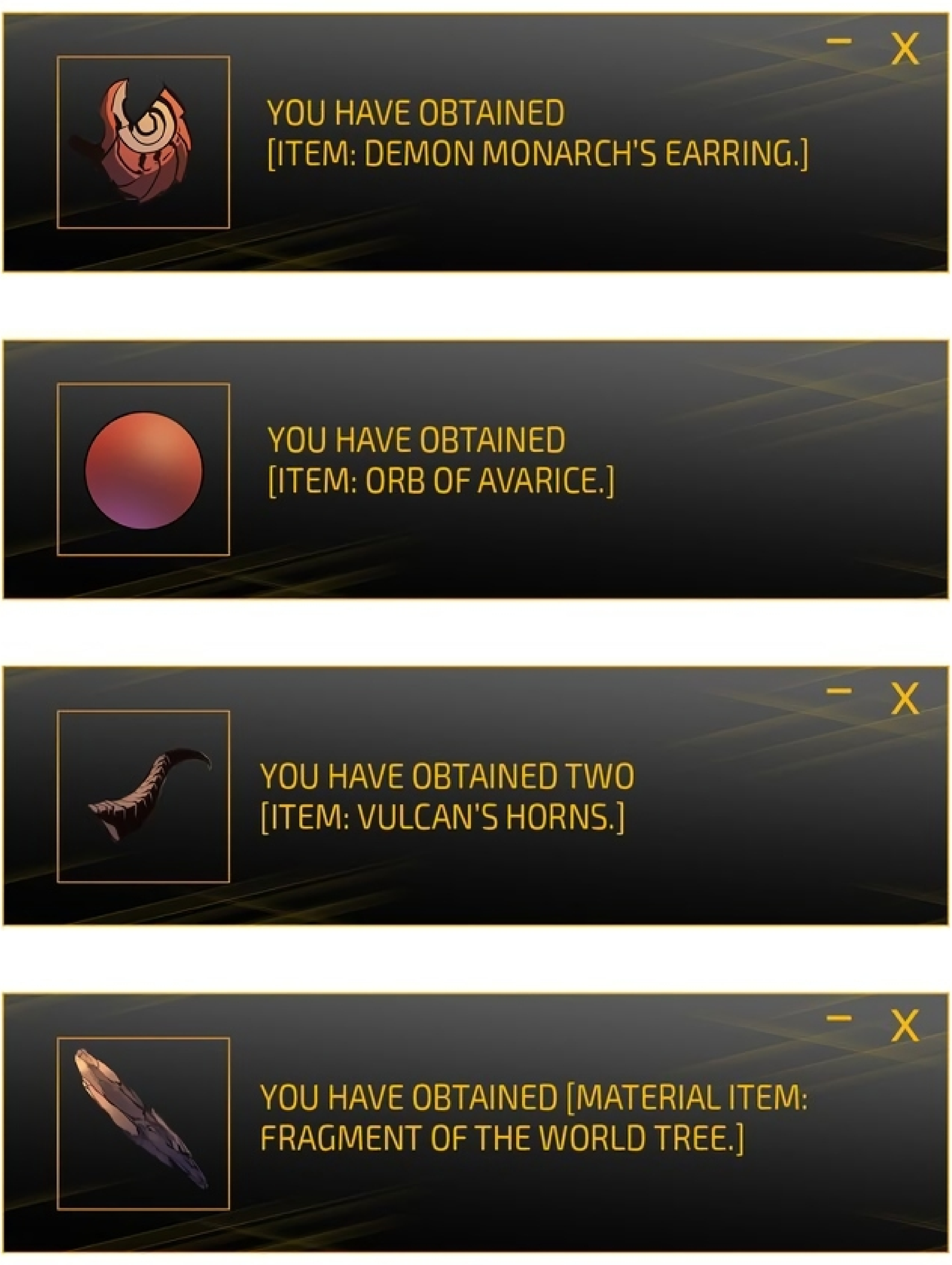
I'VE GOTTEN SOME AMAZING REWARDS FOR TAKING DOWN THIS BOSS.



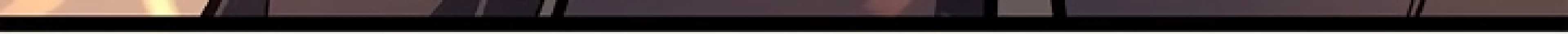

YOU HAVE OBTAINED
[ITEM: DEMON MONARCH'S EARRING.]
YOU HAVE OBTAINED
[ITEM: ORB OF AVARICE.]
YOU HAVE OBTAINED TWO
[ITEM: VULCAN'S HORNS.]
YOU HAVE OBTAINED [MATERIAL ITEM:
FRAGMENT OF THE WORLD TREE.]

ITEM
[MATERIAL ITEM:
FRAGMENT OF THE WORLD TREE]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: ??
TYPE: MATERIAL
SCRAP WOOD FROM "VULCAN'S CLUB" MADE FROM A BRANCH OF THE WORLD TREE. ALL REMNANTS OF CONTAMINATION HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE FRAGMENT.
THIS FRAGMENT OF THE WORLD TREE CONTAINS POWERFUL MAGIC AND CAN THEREFORE BE USED TO CRAFT A HIGH-QUALITY MAGIC ITEM.

WOOD THAT CAN BE USED TO CRAFT A HIGH-QUALITY MAGIC TOOL, HUH...?
I DON'T NEED THIS RIGHT NOW, BUT I CAN'T JUST THROW IT AWAY... I GUESS IT'LL COME IN HANDY SOMEDAY.

ITEM
[ITEM: DEMON MONARCH'S EARRING]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: ACCESSORY
STRENGTH +20, HEALTH +20
SET EFFECTS WILL BE ACTIVATED WHEN THIS ITEM IS WORN WITH THE DEMON MONARCH'S NECKLACE AND THE DEMON MONARCH'S RING.
SET EFFECT 1. (NOT ACTIVATED)
SET EFFECT 2. (NOT ACTIVATED)
THESE HAVE SET EFFECTS?
SWISH
WILL THE DEMONS IN THIS DUNGEON DROP THE OTHER ITEMS WHEN I DEFEAT THEM?
I GUESS THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO DEFEAT THEM ALL.
THERE'S ALSO THIS.
ITS EFFECTS ARE SUPER POWERFUL... IF I HAD ANY MAGE-TYPE SKILLS, I'D USE THIS TO MY ADVANTAGE.
ITEM
[ITEM: ORB OF AVARICE]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A
TYPE: MAGIC ITEM
AN ORB MADE OF PETRIFIED BLOOD FROM THE HIGH-RANKING DEMON, VULCAN. IT AMPLIFIES THE USER'S MAGIC ABILITIES AND INFLICTS GREATER DAMAGE ON AN OPPONENT.
EFFECT "DESIRE TO DESTROY": MAGIC DAMAGE IS INCREASED BY TWOFOLD.

IT INCREASES MAGIC DAMAGE BY TWOFOLD...
CLATTER
CAN YOU PLEASE STOP DOING THAT?
KNEEL
BECAUSE OF YOU...
GLANCE



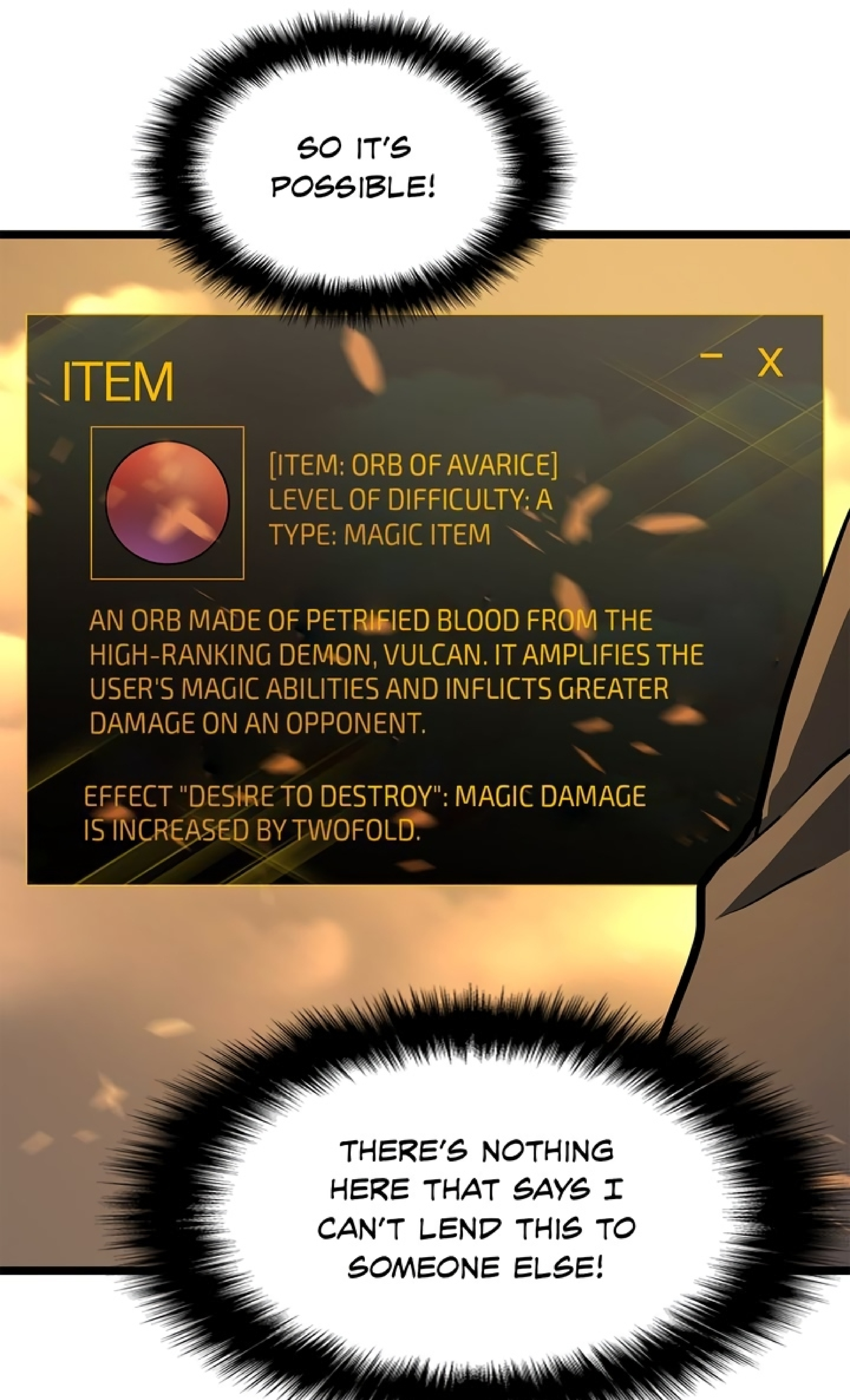
...HE DOES IT, TOO.
BESIDES, I WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK THIS GUY DOWN, NOT YOU.
WELL, YOU LET ME BORROW YOUR SHIELD, SO I GUESS YOU HELPED.
WAIT, SHIELD?
MAYBE...
HEY, SHADOW MAGE! QUIT FOOLING AROUND AND COME OVER HERE.
FWIP
FWIP

HERE YOU GO!
ATTACK!!
SWISH

FWOOSH
!

BOOM

INCREDIBLE.



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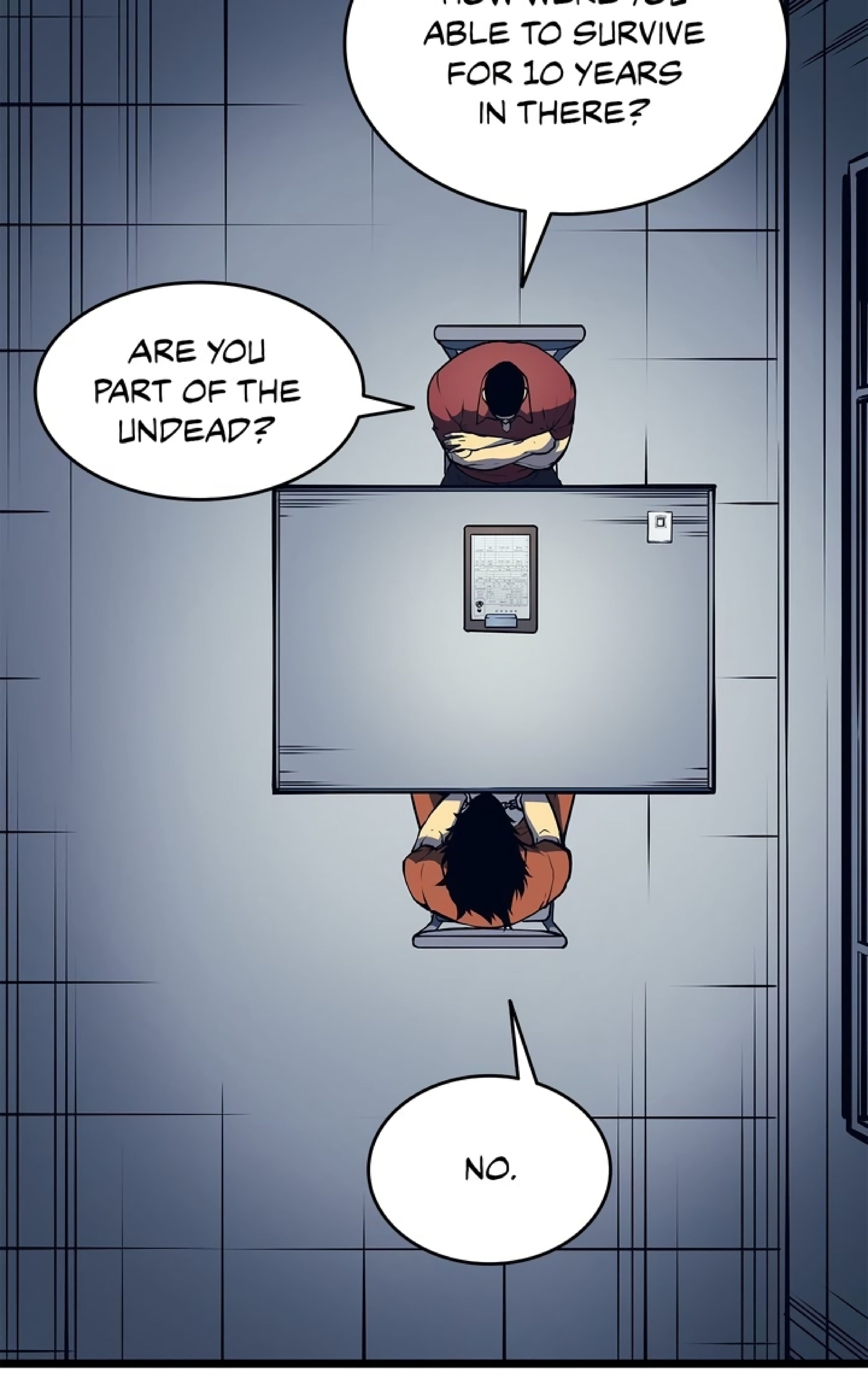
HA, WHAT A FUNNY SURPRISE TO COME HOME TO.
INTERESTING.

A MAGIC BEAST THAT KNOWS HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH HUMANS, EH?
AND YOU SPEAK KOREAN OF ALL LANGUAGES...

LOOK, I TOLD YOU ALREADY. I'M NOT A BEAST.
IF YOU HAVE SUSPICIONS ABOUT MY IDENTITY, YOU CAN RUN A DNA TEST AND-

WHEN SOMETHING CRAWLS OUT OF A GATE, WE HAVE TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION.
AFTER ALL, YOU COULD BE A BEAST PRETENDING TO BE A HUMAN...

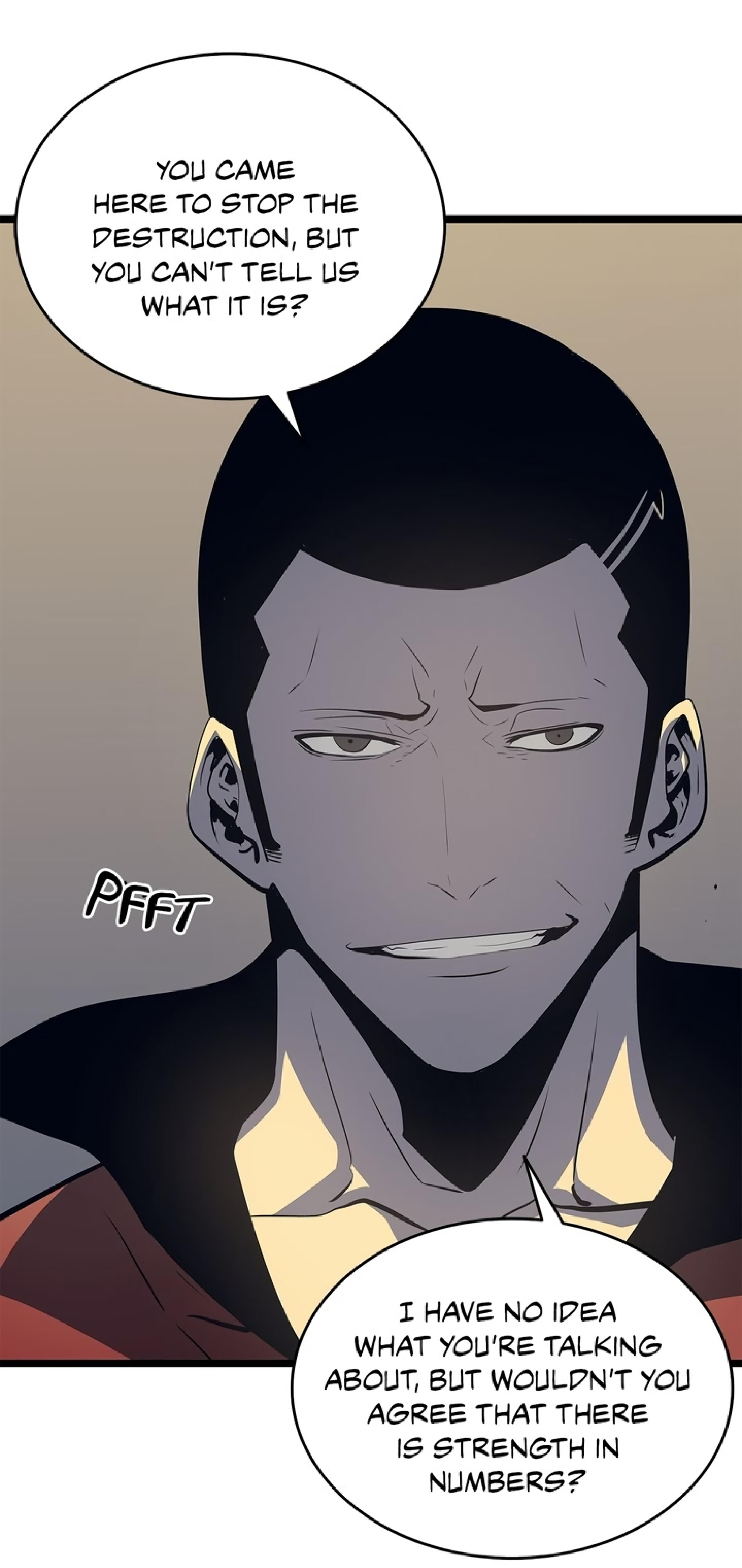
I SUGGEST YOU COOPERATE WITH ME,
TAP
TAP
IDENTIFICATION FORM
SINCE I'LL BE DETERMINING WHETHER YOU'RE A HUMAN OR A BEAST.
...ALL RIGHT.
DID YOU DIE INSIDE THE DUNGEON?
HOW WERE YOU


ABLE TO SURVIVE FOR 10 YEARS IN THERE?
ARE YOU PART OF THE UNDEAD?
NO.

THEN IS IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS DIED INSIDE A DUNGEON...
...TO COME BACK TO LIFE LIKE YOU DID?
IF SO, MY BROTHER COULD ALSO BE...!
NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. ONE CANNOT BE BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD.

LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING, TOO.
...I'LL BE ASKING THE QUESTIONS.
GATES AND MAGIC BEASTS... HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS?
...
SIR...
SHH.
ARE YOU SAYING YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEM THAT I DON'T?

DUNGEONS, GATES, MAGIC BEASTS...
THEY'RE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.
A POWERFUL FORCE HAS RECENTLY AWOKEN, AND IT WILL BRING ABOUT CATASTROPHIC DESTRUCTION.
SO YOU CAME HERE TO...?
TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION.
WHAT IS THIS "CATASTROPHIC DESTRUCTION" YOU SPEAK OF?
...I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.


YOU CAME HERE TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION, BUT YOU CAN'T TELL US WHAT IT IS?
PFFT
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS?

AGAINST SUCH A FORCE, NUMBERS ARE MEANINGLESS.
PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM OF MEDIOCRE HUNTERS WILL END IN FAILURE. THEY'LL JUST BE USED AND DISCARDED.
YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG, SO YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THIS.

"PRETTY STRONG"...?

HOW DARE HE LOOK DOWN ON ME.
SO WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY IS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP THIS DESTRUCTION?
YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME, MAN.
HIS NAME IS SUNG IL-HWAN...
HE DOES LOOK SIMILAR TO THIS PHOTO, MINUS ALL THE HAIR...
BUT FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN ROTTING INSIDE A DUNGEON FOR THE PAST DECADE, HE HASN'T AGED MUCH.

YOUR EXPERIENCE IS IMPRESSIVE. YOU'D BE ROLLING IN MONEY IF YOU WERE A HUNTER TODAY.
NOW THAT THE RANKING SYSTEM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS LIKE ME HAVE MADE ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT THREE GENERATIONS.
GUESS LIFE'S ALL ABOUT TIMING.
LET'S SEE HERE. YOUR WIFE'S NAME IS PARK KYUNG-HYE,
AND YOU HAVE TWO KIDS.
YOUR SON'S NAME IS...
DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR DAUGHTER'S NAME?
SUNG JINAH.

HOW ABOUT YOUR SON'S NAME?
SUNG JINWOO.
SMIRK
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M SENSING A LOT OF HOSTILITY.
WHOOOOH
I TOLD YOU ALREADY THAT I'LL BE ASKING ALL THE QUESTIONS.

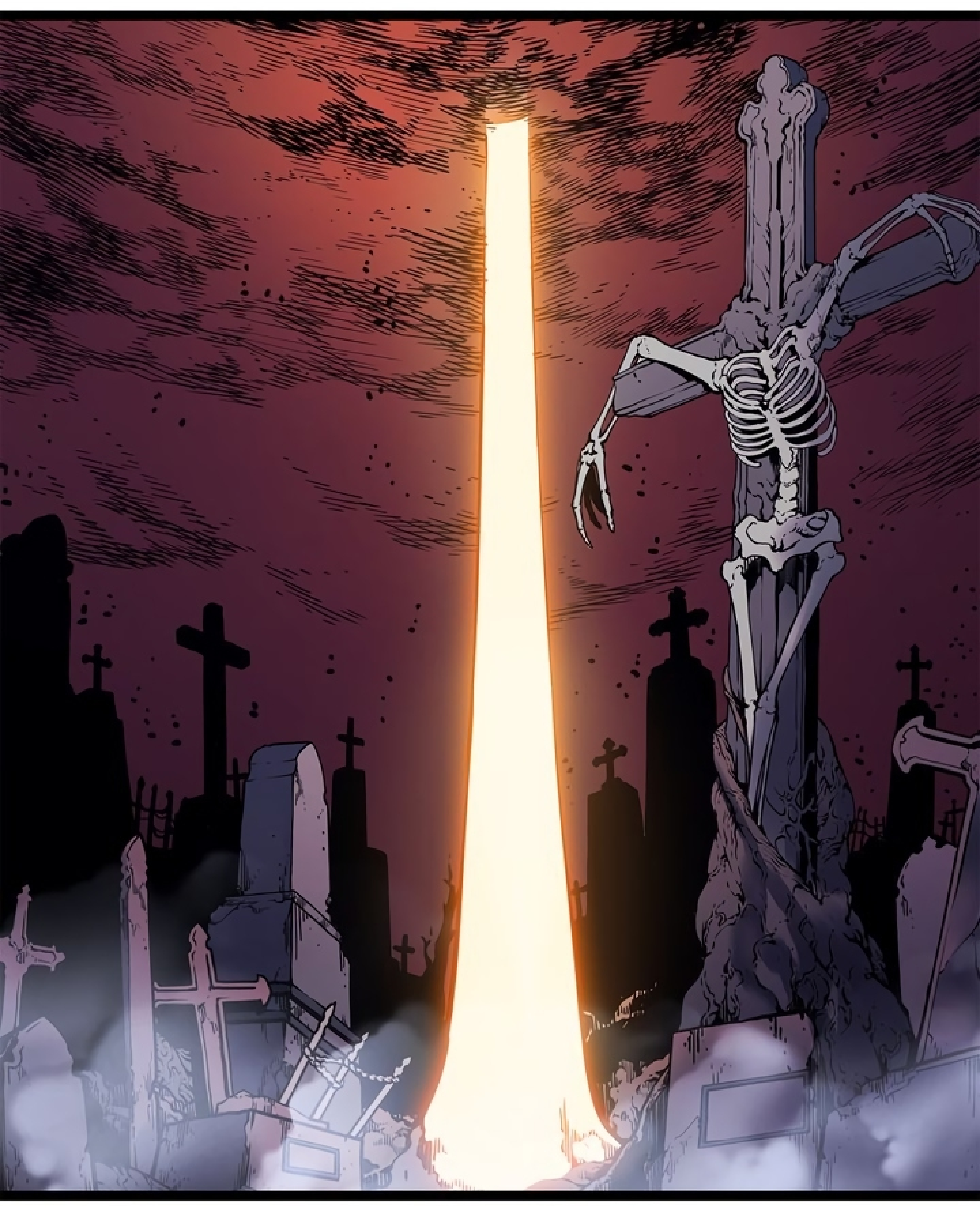
GIVE ME AN ANSWER.
WHOOSH
AND IF I DON'T?
I'LL FORCE YOU TO TELL ME.
YOU'RE A COCKY GUY, AREN'T YOU?
PERHAPS THE UNIVERSE IS GIVING ME A SECOND CHANCE.
BEEP

ALL RIGHT, THEN. I DEEM YOU TO BE A MAGIC BEAST.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, THIS MAN IS A BEAST.
HE'S GOING TO ATTACK SOON, SO PLEASE EVACUATE THE AREA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
WHAT? W, WAIT!

I JUST GOT BACK FROM KOREA, SO...
...I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SON.
WHOOSH

HE'S DEAD.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO READ HIM YOUR WILL YOURSELF, UP IN HEAVEN.



SWISH

IRON,
IGRIS.
CLEAR THE PATH.
SWOOSH

KA BOOM

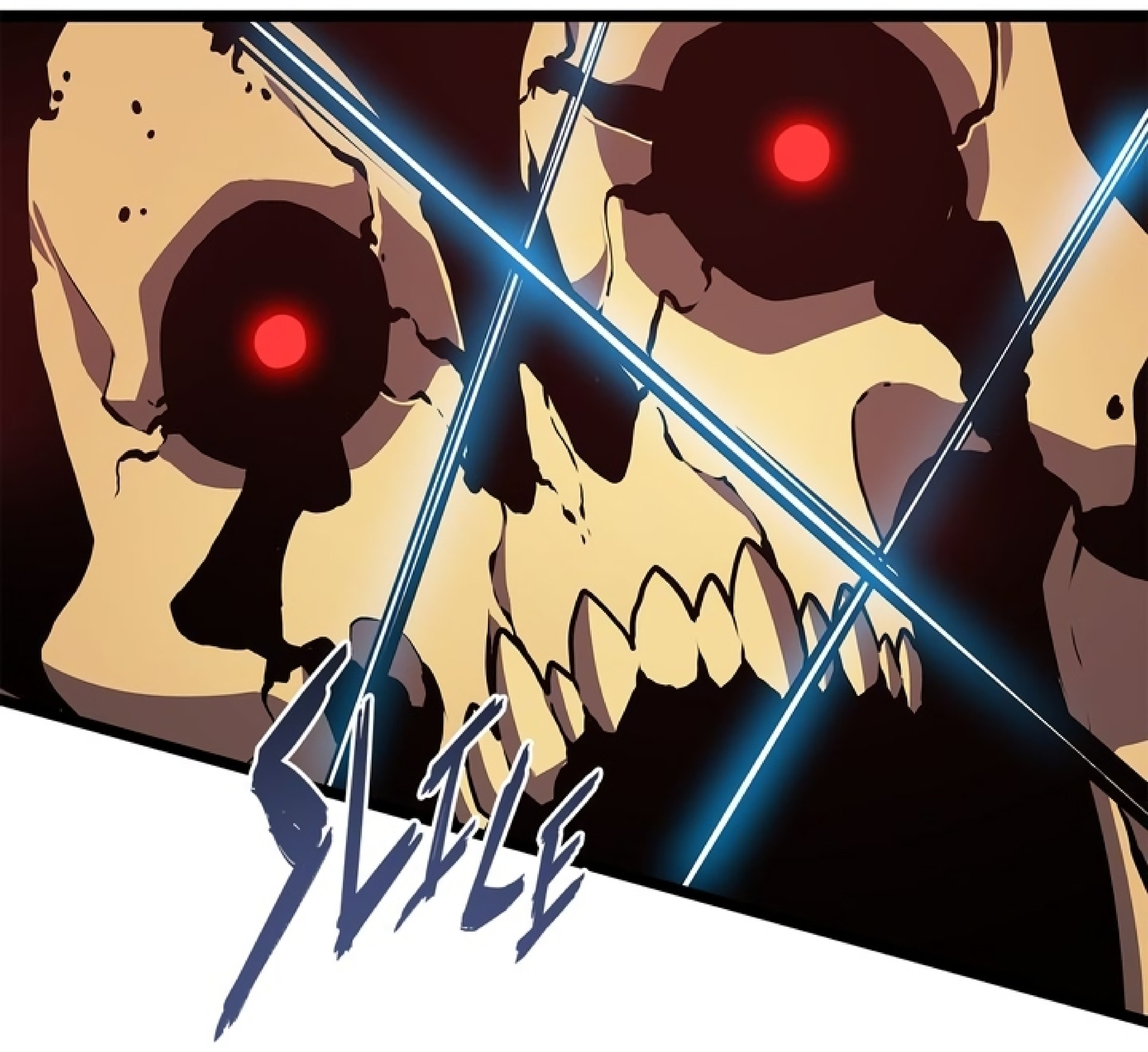
CLANG

WHAT'S WRONG? SURPRISED BY HOW STRONG MY SOLDIERS ARE?

YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING, DID YOU?

FLINCH

DO THE UNDEAD FEEL FEAR?
WELL, I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.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